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### UNION.

As we stated in our first number, we are in favor of a union of all the reform forces.

In attacking a large army, the opposing army could not do as effective work if divided as it could if all of its men were working together in union.

This is equally true of the army of people who are clamoring for reforms in governmental affairs.

Let us look at the forces as they are now scattered about.

In the first place, there is the Prohibition party, which is certainly one of the best-organized political parties that ever existed. It is gradually growing, but not rapidly enough, at present, and it will take a long time, at the present rate, to accomplish its purpose.

Then there are several organizations of farmers and laboring men, each having some special theory. Some of these organizations are very strong, especially the Farmers' Alliance and the F. M. B. A.

The Union Labor party has a separate organization, and it endorses some principles that are not incorporated in the "creed" of either of the other organizations or parties.

Thus, there are a half-dozen political organizations clamoring for reform, yet each has methods and ideas of its own not actively endorsed by the others.

While all of these are bound to accomplish great good in the present and future campaigns, the forces are scattered too much. They should all consolidate in one grand, impenetrable body; should all get ready at once, and make a charge all together on the common enemy.

Prohibitionists, Union Laborers, F. M. B. A. and Alliance men, stand together. You can get all you are asking for by concerted action.

J. S. CLARKSON, First Ass't P.-M. Gen'l, recently delivered a speech before a Republican club at Boston, in which he said that the farmers of the west know that it is over-production that is hurting them. This, it is said, called forth great applause from presidents of loan and trust companies present. Well, let us see: Wasn't it on or about last winter that the General's organ advised the farmers of the west to cremate their over-production? Possibly this advice caused a grand chuckle or a laugh in the throat, among the presidents of the money and trust corporations. If the General had said that the farmers of the west are beginning to learn that it is an over-production in the halls of legislation of such men as Allison, Ingalls, Clarkson, Funston and a score of others of like calibre that are now hurting the interests of agriculture and the laboring masses of the country, then the cheering and applause would have come from the farmers of the west. We stop here to say that we do not advise the destruction of this over-production in the way or manner that the General's organ advised the farmers to do with their over-production, but we do advise all who love God, their homes and all humanity to go to the ballot box as a free people, and there declare that both the old parties, who are producing this over-production of demagogues for the use and benefit of the powers of money, rum and hoodie shall step down and out, and forever stay out.

To hear some of the old party bosses talk to farmers, you would almost believe they were in the last stages of sympathy. But get down to the secret of all their mockery, and you will see that all they want the farmer to do is to act in a non-partisan way, by simply going for the home merchants, who, like the farmers, are struggling against monopolies and trusts in trying to make an honest living on a limited capital. No, they don't want the honest laboring masses of the country to come before the honest people in a united partisan reform party, for they know very well that when all the honest voting masses of farmers, laborers and others get the living questions of the day in a partisan political reform party, it will be good day to the old parties and their allies of hoodie, monopolies and the saloons.

### Illinois Prohibition Platform.

The Prohibition party in state convention assembled, acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all just power in government, does hereby declare:

1. That the legalized traffic in intoxicating liquor as a beverage is the most enormous and dangerous political outrage of the age, and the suppression of the entire traffic as a beverage by local, state and national authority is the most important question of political economy before the American people, and invite all who are opposed to this destructive and anarchistic traffic to unite with the Prohibition party in agitation, education and legislation in this question until prohibition shall become a part of the constitution of state and nation.

2. For the abolition of the sex distinction as an elective franchise qualification.

3. That since prohibition must ultimately rest upon conviction, and conviction upon knowledge, we urge enforcement of the scientific temperance instruction law, and its strengthening by the addition of adequate penalties by our next legislature.

4. That we are in favor of such a tariff as will raise a revenue sufficient to carry on the affairs of government as administered on an economic basis, and no more; and that such tariff should be levied on such articles of importation as will make the tax the least burdensome to the laboring classes.

5. That all money should be issued by the general government directly to the people, the same to be a full legal tender for all debts; and to that end we favor the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

6. For a service pension for all honorably-discharged Union soldiers, based on an allowance of one cent for every day of actual service rendered, provided that the minimum monthly pension shall be five dollars.

7. For the limitation of individual as well as corporate ownership of lands.

8. For the speedy adoption of the Australian system, or its equivalent.

9. For the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

10. For the control of railroad and telegraph lines by the government, so as to limit earnings to a reasonable return on the cash value of their property.

11. For the suppression of all trusts and combinations which are designed to enrich the few at the expense of the many.

12. For the reduction of the legal rate of interest in this state (Illinois) to 6 per cent.

13. For a Sabbath law and its enforcement securing to the laborer one day in seven for rest.

In as much as the Republican party leaders and bosses tell the people that the question of prohibition is non-political and non-partisan, and also tell the people that the Republican party is a prohibition party, and will take up the question of prohibition as soon as it gets to it; therefore be it

Resolved, That the question of tariff be declared non-political and non-partisan.

A REPORT of F. M. B. A. meeting at Iola will appear next week.

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